

## GERMANY MAKING FRANTIC APPEALS AS BATTLE GROWS

Discontent of the Workers Has Developed to Such an Extent That There May be a Revolutionary Outbreak on May Day—Meanwhile British Begin New Attack North of Scarpe River

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE SAYS LONDON REPORT

Germans Are Offering "Considerable Resistance" to the Advance—French Guns Are Battering Defenses From St. Quentin to the River Oise in Champagne

Terrific German counter-attacks on the British lines in France with their immense loss of life are ended, and the British troops once more are advancing. There are signs that the fighting will shortly be resumed on a more terrific scale than ever before, and not the least of these omens are the frantic appeals and threats being made by German leaders and press to avert the menace of a general strike throughout Germany.

All the far-reaching power of the German censorship is unable to suppress the fact that the gravest discontent is seething in the ranks of the German workers and that the government is haunted by the fear that May day may see an outbreak which will shake the whole imperial fabric.

The situation in Germany appears to be that the empire is divided into three factions, with the feeling rapidly growing to bitterness. First come the old junker class, which still talks of a victorious war ending in annexations and indemnities; second is the Socialist majority, which is exerting its influence to force the government into a declaration that it desires neither money nor land of Germany's foes. The third party is headed by radical Socialists and includes an unknown but apparently a considerable body of workers sick of the war, disheartened by diminishing food rations, and demanding peace at any cost. The only point in common between the three parties seems to be to make Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg the target for all their shafts.

London, April 28.—The British have opened an attack along several miles of the front north of the Scarpe river, according to the official announcement of the war office to-day. The British troops are making good progress in the face of considerable opposition and fighting continues.

## FRENCH ARTILLERY HAMMERED LINE FOR LONG DISTANCE

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Paris, April 28.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night between St. Quentin and the river Oise in Champagne, the war office reported to-day. On the Verdun front the French raided German trenches west of Hill 304.

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## GERMAN SWISS FRONTIER CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC

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Zurich, Switzerland, via Paris, April 28.—The German-Swiss frontier has been strictly closed to all travelers and postal service. No German newspapers have arrived since Wednesday. This is usually a prelude to an important military move.

## GERMAN REPRISALS ARE THREATENED

If Her Enemies Continue to Put German Wounded on Allied Hospital Ships to Run Submarine Danger.

Copenhagen, via London, April 28.—Announcement was made before the Reichstag main committee in Berlin yesterday that Germany will adopt the sharpest reprisals if German prisoners are embarked on hospital ships of the allies and exposed to the danger of torpedo.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cordier, who were recently married in Somerville, Mass., arrived in the city last evening and are making their home on Hillside avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Collins of Burlington and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingerson of Springfield, Mass., were among the guests registered at Hotel Barre to-day.

Mrs. Hattie Hill of Barre has been very sick at Hardwick and is now reported as very low.

## BIG FARM TRANSACTION.

The Henry Property in Waterbury Is Bought by H. E. Gray of Westfield.

One of the largest farm transactions to be recorded in several years and probably the largest cash farm sale ever completed in Washington county was consummated through the D. A. Perry Real Estate agency of Barre yesterday, when Mrs. Albert Spencer of Waterbury disposed of the old Henry farm, so called, in that town, containing about 600 acres of land, with six houses and large modern barns, to H. E. Gray of Westfield, who purchased the property for a home and who has taken possession. Mr. Gray is a large breeder of purebred Holstein cattle and is proprietor of the famous Gray Lawn herd, consisting of about 50 head, practically all of which are in advanced registry class; the herd is headed by Pieterje Alcastra Fayne, one of the leading sires of the breed.

In the transaction, Mr. Gray takes the entire equipment of farming machinery, vehicles, and stock, comprising 90 head of high-grade Holsteins. The farm has an enviable reputation and probably boasts the largest meadow in the county, containing about 100 acres, and there are nearly 50 acres of upland also in tillage. Mr. Gray comes into possession of The Cottage, so called, erected by Mrs. Spencer a few years ago and considered one of the finest cottages in this section of the state. The building was planned for her brother, who died about the time the house was completed; consequently it never has been occupied. The price paid for the entire property was \$40,000. The present manager of the farm is W. C. Shattuck of Waterbury. Mr. Gray plans to cultivate about 90 acres this season.

## MONTPELIER

Three Divorces Granted by the Assistant Judges.

Divorces were granted to three petitioners in Washington county court yesterday by Assistant Judges George H. Dale and Charles H. Dana and the judges heard a case this morning, Celia McLean vs. Mr. McLean. All of the cases heard have been uncontested. The cases in which divorces have been granted are as follows: Fred M. Corliss vs. Sadie A. Corliss of Calais, intolerable severity; Anna M. Vinton vs. Francis W. Vinton of Northfield, intolerable severity; Mabel E. Hicken vs. John C. Hicken, refusal to support.

Bernard J. Waterman, who has been employed as a reporter of The Argus for the past 15 months since returning from Schenectady, N. Y., completed his duties Friday.

Mrs. Lewis C. Moody, who has been spending several months at Jacksonville, Fla., having made the trip south with a party of Waterbury people, has returned to Montpelier.

Rev. William Shaw and Mrs. Shaw and two children left yesterday afternoon for St. Johnsbury, where they will make their home while Mr. Shaw is district superintendent of the St. Johnsbury district of the Methodist conference. Miss Edith Shaw, a daughter, will remain in Montpelier until the end of the school year.

Sumner A. Dole, who recently resigned as a member of the Montpelier high school faculty to accept a position as assistant county agricultural agent, left this forenoon for Greenfield, Mass., to assume his new duties. Mrs. Dole went to Greenfield early in the week. A large number of high school students were at the station to bid Mr. Dole good-bye.

George B. Young, counsel for the National Life Insurance Co., has returned from a trip West in the interests of the company. John Young, a senior at Dartmouth college, is visiting in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Young. He will leave soon for New York City to sail for France to enlist in an ambulance corps.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Luigi Mattia was taken to the city hospital yesterday for treatment. About 75 ladies attended the card party at the Vincitula clubrooms from 2:30 to 5:30 yesterday afternoon, the affair being under the auspices of the Barre branch of the Red Cross society, and as the result of the gathering the sum of \$17 was added to the treasury of the local Red Cross division. The ladies enjoyed the afternoon very much with "500" and bridge whist. Home-made candy was served. The ladies, and particularly the Red Cross ladies, were very kind and wished to thank Vincitula club and its steward, Gordon Watson, for their courtesy.

When a woman attaché at the county jail entered the prisoners' quarters with the morning portion of food for the men to-day, one of their number brushed rudely past her and darted through the door to the well-known county jail. He hopped a street car bound for Barre, arrived here in time to visit his acquaintances and greet Deputy Sheriff Roy Jackson as the officer stepped from the first car to leave the capital after the prisoners' departure. Deputy Sheriff Getman placed Thomas F. Smith under arrest as a jail breaker, lodged him at local police headquarters until Deputy Henry Lawson should have time to make the trip to Barre. Smith was back in jail this afternoon. The officers say he was intoxicated when rearrested to-day, and when he finishes his present sentence he will be arraigned in Barre city court for a subsequent offense.

A working plan for the entertainment of nearly 50 delegates who are expected here Tuesday for the triennial convention of the state camp. Modern Woodmen of America, has been adopted by the committee from Granite City camp. A program of speaking and music will be the order in the evening at the Knights of Columbus hall Tuesday evening, when the speakers will include: A. S. Palmer of Burlington, state deputy; C. S. Sherwood of Rutland, district deputy; M. P. Maurice of Morrisville, state lecturer; and Benjamin Gates, a Montpelier attorney. On the following morning the delegates will assemble to elect a delegation for the national gathering of Woodmen in Chicago next summer. In the afternoon the Barre Board of Trade will be at the head of a party headed for an inspection trip through the cutting plants and quarry district, and upon their return to the city the visitors will begin to get ready for their homeward trip. The Barre committee in charge of the convention includes the following Woodmen: Edward Anderson, A. W. Beattie, James K. Coutts, Nathan Clark, Frank Neora, Alderman A. J. Lorange and James C. Walker.

## GUATEMALA NOW IN OPEN BREAK WITH GERMANY

Brazil May Decide on May 3 to Declare a State of War by Act of Germany Following a Breaking Off of Diplomatic Relations Some Weeks Ago

## GUATEMALA DESIRES TO HELP DEMOCRACY

Also Stands for Preservation of International Law, According to Reason Given by President Cabrera—Spain Addresses Another Sharp Note to Germany

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Guatemala has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, handed the German minister his passports and cancelled the exequaturs of the German consuls here. Official advice of the break, coming from the American legation at Guatemala City, says that President Cabrera assigned as the reason a desire to stand with the United States in the fight for democracy and for preservation of international law.

Rio Janeiro, April 28.—Decision as to whether Brazil will follow up a breach of diplomatic relations with Germany by a declaration of war will be made by the Brazilian Congress on May 3. The administration will ask Congress to declare a state of war created by act of Germany.

## SPAIN HAS PROOF OF U-BOAT ATTACK ON SPANISH SHIP

Premier Prieto Has Addressed Strong Protest to Germany Because of Attack on the Triana.

Madrid, via Paris, April 28.—Premier Prieto announced to-day that he has received official confirmation of an attack by a German submarine on the Spanish steamer Triana and has addressed a strong protest to Germany.

## PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS

At 98th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship Held in Barre Last Night.

Barre Odd Fellowship celebrated the 98th anniversary of the institution of the order in America with appropriate exercises in the hall of Hiawatha lodge last evening. Rev. Dr. J. S. Braker of Burlington was the speaker of the evening and other guests included members of Bright Star Rebekah lodge. The gathering went on record as favoring the conservation of grain now used by brewers and distillers and a resolution embodying this view was drafted and copies were ordered forwarded to President Wilson and the district representatives in Congress. It was a signally successful observance and the patriotic message brought by Dr. Braker was received with acclaim. Frank W. Jackson presided and about 75 ladies attended the card exercises when a detail of chevaliers entered the hall bearing the colors. The audience sang "America," and the program was capped with prayer by Rev. J. S. Braker.

The entertainment included a vocal solo by Miss Henrietta Inglis, an instrumental number by Mrs. W. C. Johnson, a reading by Dr. F. M. Lynde and a solo by Fred Inglis, all of the participants being liberally encircled. In responding to introductory remarks by Chairman Jackson, Rev. Dr. Braker complimented the Odd Fellows for their display of patriotism and urged his hearers to accord the president their whole-hearted support in the present crisis. The speaker went on to stress the importance of being ready to assist wherever and whenever possible and said that every organized fraternity has a plain duty to perform in extending its aid to speedily conserve the country's resources.

Officers were elected and Alexander Ironside, a member of the state committee of safety, spoke interestingly of his purposes at the semi-annual meeting of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity last evening. There was a large gathering of laboring men and Mr. Ironside's illuminating account of the work laid out by the committee received the enthusiastic endorsement of all present. The following officers for the ensuing six months were elected, and installed by Brother McAnley of the quarry workers' union: President, Alexander Ironside of the granite cutters; vice president, Cyrus R. Hall of the carpenters; recording and financial secretary, Angus McDonald of the granite cutters; treasurer, Fred W. Sutor of the lumpers, boxers and derrickmen; auditors for six months, Asa Tyrrell of the polishers, Wesley Hoffman of the cigar makers, C. B. Hall, sergeant-at-arms, Oscar Slayton of the carpenters; executive board, to act with the president and secretary, F. W. Sutor, Alex. Moir and Asa Tyrrell; librarian, Angus McDonald.

## CONSCRIPTION WINS VICTORY

Volunteer Amendments to Administration Army Bill Were Stricken Out in the House by Vote of 279 to 98, and Passage of the Army College's Recommendation Is Assured

## ARMY EXPERTS' WILL IS TO BE REGARDED

The Proposal to Authorize a Roosevelt Volunteer Army for Immediate Service in the War Was Defeated—Final Action on the Main Bill Will Be Taken To-day

Washington, D. C., April 28.—The administration forces overthrew the opponents of the administration's selective conscription bill in the House on the first vote to-day and struck the volunteer amendments from the measure. The vote came on an amendment by Representative Kahn, who has led the fight for the administration bill, moving to strike out the volunteers amendments inserted by the majority of the military committee and the army college. To-day's vote assured the passage of the bill as drawn by the army experts. The vote to sustain the provisions of the administration bill was 279 to 98.

In the Senate to-day the amendment to permit Roosevelt to raise four divisions of volunteers for immediate service abroad was discussed at length. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts made a strong speech in favor of the amendment, declaring Roosevelt to be the only man able to raise these divisions, that he is known in Europe as no other American is known and that his presence there would be a help and encouragement to the soldiers of the allied nations.

Champions in the House of an amendment designed to permit Colonel Roosevelt to recruit a volunteer force for immediate service in France, lost their fight yesterday on the first vote taken after the close of a general debate. The amendment offered by Representative Austin of Tennessee and vigorously supported by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts and others, was defeated 170 to 106. Among those who voted for it was Miss Rankin of Montana, who tearfully opposed the war resolution. Scores of members spoke last night under the rule permitting five-minute speeches on amendments. One of the first was Representative Mann, the Republican floor leader, who broke his silence on the subject of conscription for the first time with an emphatic declaration in favor of the staff bill.

On the Senate side the debate continued throughout the day and last night with only occasional flashes of interest from the floor and the galleries. Near midnight, when the Senate was about to adjourn, Senator LaFollette took the floor and announced his intention of speaking. He has pending amendments to strike out the draft provision and to submit the question of raising an army to a referendum.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—President Wilson has approved requests from France and Italy for immediate financial aid and from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 will be loaned them by the United States within the next few days.

In the case of Italy, arrangements already have been made for the transfer of the money and the loan may be announced to-day. While the amount has not been divulged, it is understood to be between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000. France will receive between \$150,000,000 and \$300,000,000, probably the larger amount. Before the end of the next week the loan should be in Ambassador Jusserand's hands.

## C. L. UNION ELECTION.

Alexander Ironside Chosen President for Six Months.

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## \$2,000 FOR INJURIES.

Dr. Benjamin F. Millington Went Off Highway in Londonbury.

Brattleboro, April 28.—A jury in Windham county court yesterday afternoon awarded Dr. Benjamin F. Millington of South Londonderry \$2,000 damages in his \$10,000 suit against the town of Londonderry for injuries alleged to have been due to a defective highway. Dr. Millington sustained injuries to several ribs and to the base of the spine when his car went over an embankment last summer.

## ASSESSORS GIVEN MORE PAY, BUT ALL OTHERS THE SAME

Citizens' Meeting Last Evening Was One of the Most Diverting in Recent Years, Full of Oratory and Other Entertainments.

Tart tonic for the tired was the annual city meeting, with all of its diverting flights of oratory at city hall last night and he who could not see, for wind and rain, his plain duty as a citizen, missed, by staying indoors, one of the most interesting assemblies of the proletariat in some years. One of Chauncey's or Northfield Bill Shaw's April showers had its way with a majority of the citizenry, but some over 100 voters assembled at 7:30 o'clock to hear the warning read by the city clerk and to listen or join in the discussion that inevitably marked every measure in and out of the hall. F. G. Howland presided as moderator and James Mackay was elected clerk.

In a very much briefer period than it took the voters and the public speakers to make up their minds, it may be said that the night's doings were summarized thus: Voted to pay the city clerk and treasurer \$500 and fees, voted to pay the assessors and auditors 30 cents per hour, as formerly, and the assessors \$4 per day, instead of \$3.50; voted, to carry on the evening drawing school and to levy a special tax of two cents for its maintenance; (article 6) "to do any other proper business," rejected proposal to exempt from taxation any new industries that may be recommended by the Board of Trade; discussion on "daylight saving," which city hall incidentally voted to accept the recommendation of the aldermanic property committee that "excessive" rate of \$940 per year be discarded and that the city carry its own insurance; motion to limit tax levy in 1917 to \$1.75, rejected.

Scarcely a measure rustled through or sank into oblivion without debate. While the aldermen and the auditors skated by on 30 cents per hour, the eyes of the inquiry office were turned on the salary of the city clerk and treasurer and the per diem stipend of the assessors. Ex-Mayor Hersey Hersey was the speaker of the evening, but when the venerable Mr. Hersey left the hall there were others to don his toga and continue the riot of gab.

With the perfunctory steps toward organization out of the way, attention was turned to article 2, and D. M. Barclay moved that the city clerk and treasurer be paid in the past, the motion being seconded by Paul Bianchi. Whereupon Mr. Hersey offered as a substitute motion decreasing "that the city clerk and treasurer be paid a salary of \$2,000 per year, with the understanding that the incumbent provided his own assistants and pay them and place to the credit of the city all income collected." J. T. Callaghan seconded, and H. H. Jackson arose to a point of order, received permission to state his point, and inquired if the substitute motion was in order. Mr. Hersey took the floor and spoke spiritedly of his theory that the clerk and treasurer should be paid a "man's salary" and no more. E. L. Scott got the chairman's attention long enough to inquire what the city clerk had been receiving and was informed by that official that in late years his salary amounted to \$3,500, some \$1,200 or \$1,600 of which had been paid out for the service of assistants. The substitute motion, as framed by Mr. Hersey was lost in a sea of no votes and Mr. Barclay's motion was carried by a large majority.

Motions made and seconded, one by another, by Mr. Hersey and J. T. Callaghan, insured the aldermen and auditors of their hourly remuneration for another year and when it came to fixing the salary of the assessors Silvio L. Cardo spoke in favor of increasing the per diem pay from \$3.50 to \$4, saying that in his knowledge the assessors had been working from 12 to 15 hours each day. His motion to make it \$4 was seconded by James Cruickshank. Alderman C. H. Reynolds and Alderman A. A. Milne stated that assessors had recently received \$28 per week, or thereabouts, assertions which called forth from Assessor A. M. Rossi the declaration that after April 20, with the military census out of the way, only the \$3.50 per day had been received. Mr. Cardo's motion prevailed.

Under article 4 it was Mr. Cardo who moved that the evening drawing school be continued. L. R. Hutchinson of the school commission and C. H. White, superintendent of schools, mentioned a four-cent tax when interrogated, under article 5, as to the needs of the school. Mr. Hutchinson moved that the levy be four cents. Too high, said Mr. Hersey, and presently the clerk was telling the voters that a balance of \$1,800 remained from last year's appropriation and that a two-cent levy would increase the maintenance fund for 1917 to \$2,600. D. J. Sullivan thought that four cents, at this stage of the school's existence, was rather steep. On Mr. Cardo's amendment to the Hutchinson motion it was voted to fix the levy at two cents on the dollar.

Most of the stored-up oratorical energy had its outlet in the sixth article, when about everything from ships to sealing wax was discussed. Strong for new industries, Mr. Hersey introduced a motion granting a 10-year tax exemption to any new industry, shirt factory, woolen mill, etc., recommended by the Board of Trade. John T. Callaghan was there to second the motion. Sec. H. A. Phelps of the Board of Trade stated that the shirt factory seemed practically assured without any exemption concession and thought that action of the kind contemplated by Mr. Hersey's motion should be deferred until the organization should ask specifically for such a favor. H. H. Jackson and G. N. Tilden, the latter president of the Board of Trade, concurred with Mr. Phelps, and Mr. Hersey, after listening to an exhortation by the moderator, graciously withdrew his motion.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Hersey submitted a second typewritten motion in which the city council was instructed to keep the tax rate down to \$1.75, and to forego the business of paving South Main street and bridging Jail branch. With characteristic vigor the ex-mayor explained the timeliness of his motion by stating that if a high tax rate prevails, no one seconded the motion and the chair declared it lost.

F. A. Skillings presented a story of daylight saving as practiced in one community and after it had been read by the chairman its sponsor spoke in its behalf. A clipping which told of the adoption of the plan by a St. Johnsbury manufacturer.

## TRAIN KNOCKED BUILDING DOWN

Peter Leclair, Buried Under Ruins of His Shop, Had a Narrow Escape

## TOOK HALF HOUR TO RELEASE HIM

Barre & Chelsea Train Went on Sidin Near Kempton's Mill

When a Barre & Chelsea railroad locomotive with a long train of loaded cars in its wake headed into a siding instead of the main line this morning, a car of grain was shunted along the sidetrack with such force as to demolish a blacksmith shop owned by F. A. Slayton and to place the occupants of the building in jeopardy of their lives. Peter Leclair, a well known blacksmith, sustained serious injuries when a rending and crushing of timbers buried him in the debris and George Jacobs, a hostler employed by James Gow, escaped by grace of a quick exit from the smithy. Mr. Leclair is at the City Hospital suffering with multiple contusion about the body and lower limbs. The building is near to being in ruins.

The accident occurred around 9 o'clock and nearly a half-hour elapsed before Leclair was released from his precarious position in a corner of the collapsed structure near the track. He retained consciousness during the ordeal and unless internal injuries develop he will recover. The engine of the B. & C. was in charge of L. M. Johnson, Conductor R. H. Brown, Fireman Leo Whittemore and Brakeman F. Gouldsbury. Lawrence Lewis and Vinal Arty. With the locomotive headed toward the north end of the yard, the crew had just shifted a carload of grain to the siding at the rear of Kempton mills. After backing to the main line the tail end of the train was somewhere near the South Main street crossing and as the engineer reversed his brakes after clearing the sidetrack, he opened up the throttle and headed, as he supposed, for the Prospect street crossing. Somewhere, however, calculations were missed, for the switch was opened for the siding, the switch flag so indicated, and when the train came rushing down at a comfortable rate of speed the locomotive crashed into the grain car near the mill, pushed the grain car over the bumper at the end of the sidetrack and into the blacksmith shop.

At the moment of the crash, the blacksmith, Leclair, was bending over a wagon gear at the rear of the shop. The hostler, Jacobs, had taken a stand near the door and was chatting with the smith when the end of the freight car literally appeared through the side of the shop. The collision had the effect of lifting the entire building, a story-and-one-half affair, from its moorings and piling it up in a corner near the Gow livery barn. Just how he escaped from the building, Mr. Jacobs was unable to explain. Something struck him a sharp blow on the arm and he left hastily. Stopping over the wagon gear, Mr. Leclair was taken completely off his guard and before he realized that something had acted like a wrecking ball struck his shop, he was pinned under the gearing and one corner of a heavy timber. Had he been thrown a few feet farther, the wheels of the freight car might have passed over his body.

In the mill nearby, F. M. Kempton heard the crash and at the same moment a man employed on carpenter work near the Slayton property came around the corner. By this time the hostler was summoning aid and in a few moments men from the fire station were on the scene. Jack screws and other tools were procured and a detail of volunteers hastened to the rescue of the blacksmith. For a few moments his whereabouts was uncertain but presently his figure was discerned under the northwest corner of the flattened first story and his rescuers then went to work with a will. There was danger that the building might settle while the efforts to extricate Mr. Leclair were under way, but the workers stuck to their task and by dint of much packing, prying and straining the man was released and carried from the building by Assistant Engineer Carpenter, Alex. Stewart, E. M. Tobin and John H. Johnson. Restoratives were applied before the man was lifted into the automobile of Constable G. L. Morris and hurried to the hospital. Dr. Joe W. Jackson and Dr. M. D. Lamb had been called and the former accompanied Leclair to the hospital.

Soon after the accident General Manager J. N. Gall arrived to investigate the case, directed the work of clearing the track and it was thought that the detailed grain car would be returned to the irons by afternoon. Mr. Gall was not ready to make an official report on the occurrence, but he said that the opening of the wrong switch was probably responsible. The blacksmith shop has been the property of Mr. Slayton for some time. Fire got in its deadly work on the building some years ago, but the blow it received to-day demolished the structure far more effectively.

This afternoon it was stated that the injured blacksmith was resting comfortably at the beginning of what appears will be a sojourn of several days in the hospital. Dr. Jackson described the most serious contusions as being about the knees. Leclair was thrown on his left side and points of contact with the edge of a heavy timber were visible on the inside of the left knee and the outside of the right knee. The lower limbs, the back and the chest of the man were somewhat lacerated.

## GOING TO FRANCE.

Stanley C. Fitts of Brattleboro to Join Ambulance Service.

Brattleboro, April 28.—Stanley C. Fitts, son of the late Attorney General Clarke C. Fitts, left for Boston yesterday afternoon, en route for New York, whence he will sail next week for France to enter the American field ambulance service.